Comparative Education Systems: Helsinki & Milan

July 2–10, 2017

We know the most effective Professional Learning experiences allow you to grow personally and professionally as you collaborate with educators who share your passion for opening the world to their students. These experiences enhance your cultural competence and teaching methods, letting you return to your classroom, school, and district feeling refreshed and refocused.

EF Professional Learning Tours combine the exploration of educational systems and cultures around the world with a two-day Global Leadership Summit. While on tour you will travel to cultural sites with educators from across the U.S., analyzing trends in pedagogical approaches, including experiential learning, as you expand your professional network. Your tour culminates in a Global Leadership Summit, where you will hear from world-renowned speakers, attend expert-led workshops, and rethink education’s role in tackling global issues. And through it all, you will have the option of earning professional learning credit.
At the leadership conference, you will observe international student teams as they present solutions to global challenges, receive feedback from peers and experts, and collaboratively reflect on their experience.

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Learn how Finland set about creating an educational system that today, allows equal opportunity to all of its population. As you interact with officials from the Finnish National Board of Education, visit local schools, and meet with local educators you will examine this country’s path to becoming a global education leader as you soak up the culture of its metropolitan capital.

Your tour of Finland’s education system and culinary traditions will influence your perspective of the Summit theme—the Future of Food—as you come together with your fellow educators for a two-day Summit conference in Milan, Italy, July 8–9. Hear from world-renowned speakers, attend expert-led workshops and gain valuable insight into how food connects plates, people, politics and culture, as you explore the role of education in tackling global issues.

What to expect on this tour

As you travel with and learn from other dedicated educators, you will gain a deeper understanding of the foundations and future of education through:

**PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING**
Expand your professional network as you exchange ideas and collaborate with other educators.

**EDUCATIONAL INNOVATION**
Gain insight into education best practices through expert-led workshops and discussions.

**CULTURAL EXPLORATION**
Deepen your global perspective as you experience the local culture and discover historic sites.

**YOUR EXPERIENCE INCLUDES**
Full-time Tour Director, collaborative workshops with leaders in education, EF’s Global Leadership Summit, sightseeing tours, round-trip flights, 7 overnight stays in hotels, European breakfast daily, and dinner on select days.
“Each activity was well constructed and added to an incredible overall tour. Every educator should have the opportunity to be part of such a thoughtful global experience.”

Jennifer D., Administrator, VA

Days 1–2: Fly to Finland
Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Helsinki and begin your stay with a walking tour of the city. Stand in awe of Temppeliaukio Church’s stone-hewn interior before tonight’s welcome dinner.

Day 3: Helsinki
Discover Finland’s goals to promote equality, support lifelong learning, and enhance the quality of education at all levels, during a presentation from the Finnish National Board of Education. Then visit a local school to explore the successes and challenges Finnish educators experience within the classroom.

Day 4: Helsinki
Return to the Finnish National Board of Education, where you will attend workshops, interactive sessions, and TED-style talks to learn more about how Finland has become a world leader in education.

Day 5: Helsinki
Join your fellow educators for a reflection session.
- Participate in a cultural activity to better understand daily life in Finland.
Enjoy free time exploring the city.

Day 6: Milan
Board your international flight to Milan, Italy, where you will get warmed up for tomorrow’s Global Leadership Summit conference with a welcome dinner.

Days 7–8: Global Leadership Summit
Over the next two days, you will hear from world-renowned topic experts, attend workshops, and network with educators as you explore the themes of education and the Future of Food. Learn how to use the design thinking problem-solving method to integrate 21st century skills and an innovative mindset into your classroom, school, and district.

Day 9: Depart for home

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